GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:141
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2001
DEPLETION OF COASTAL SALINE FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether devastations caused by cyclone and tidal waves of coastal belts of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal having increased several fold during recent past due to depletion and destruction of coastal saline forests;

(b) if so, whether the Government are making any plan and project for raising saline forests along the coast of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal during the 10th Plan period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any efforts had been made for raising saline forests during the 9th Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, indicating the financial allocation, expenditure, physical target set and achievements made during each year of the 9th Plan, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (e) Devastation caused by cyclone in coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal has been severe in the recent past. Ministry of Environment and Forests has been implementing a Scheme on Conservation and Management of Mangroves and Coral Reefs since 1986. Development of mangroves has been identified as one of the Thrust Area for implementation during the Ninth Five Year Plan. Under Integrated Afforestation and Eco-development Project Scheme the Coastal Shelterbelt Plantation Project has been introduced in 2000-01 to mitigate the effect of cyclone, to check soil erosion and inward drift of sand dunes. These projects are likely to be continued during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The State-wise physical and financial targets and achievements made during Ninth Plan period under these Schemes are given in Annexure -I.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.141 FOR REPLY ON 23.7.2001

Statewise physical and financial targets and achievements related to the Scheme on Conservation and Management of Mangroves and Coral Reefs and Coastal Shelterbelt Plantation Ninth Plan period.

Mangroves:

(Area in Ha. & Amount Rs. in lakhs)

STATE/MANGROVE AREA	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		Total 9th Plan	
	Tar.	Ach.	Tar.	Ach.	Tar.	Ach.	Tar.	Ach.	Tar.	Ach.	Tar.	Ach.
Andhra Pra :												
Coringa												
Krishna												
East-Godavari												

Physical - - 450 450 - - 400 400 350 - 1200 850
Financial - - 28.02 28.02 - - 59.87 59.87 65.85 - 153.74 87.89

Orissa:
Bhitarkanika
Mahanadi
Subernrekha
Devi Dhamra

Physical - - - - 350 - 450 - - - 800 -
Financial - - - - 44.06 - 55.75 - - - 99.81 -

West Bengal:
Sunderbans

Physical 300 300 400 400 500 500 - - - - 1200 1200
Financial 66.82 66.82 63.60 63.60 44.95 44.95 - - - - 175.37 175.37

Coastal Shelterbelt Plantation Projects under IAEPS:

(Area in Ha. & Amount Rs. in lakhs)

	2000-01		2001-02		Total 9th Plan					
STATE DISTRICT	Phy.	Fin.	Rel.	Phy.	Fin.	Phy.	Fin.	Rel.	Phy.	Fin.	Phy.	Fin.
	Ach.	Target	Ach.	Target	Ach.	Target	Ach.	Target				
Andhra Pradesh												
Srikakulam, Vijayanagram Krishna,Guntur & Nellore												
	0	154.43	79.78	0	79.76	2050	318.01	105.18	0	0.00	2050	472.44
Orissa												
Puri,Ganjam, Balasore, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur & Bhadrak												
	2000	870.70	441.09	100	100.80	6000	617.81	0.00	0	0.00	8000	1488.51
West Bengal												
Kharagpur												
	0	13.80	7.60	0	6.06	150	16.22	10.56	0	0.00	150	30.02
Total	2000	1038.93	528.47	100	186.62	8200	952.04	115.74	0	0.0	10200	1990.97